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-Update-

Roll call votes for the following bills debated Tuesday, July 25, 2000, are expected today:

H.R. 4033 reauthorizes the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, doubling its funding level to \$50 million annually for FY 2002-04. The program provides grants to communities that pay up to 50 percent of the purchase costs of bulletproof and stab proof vests. The program affords priority to cities with less than 100,000 residents. The CBO estimates that H.R. 4033 will cost \$134 million over the 2002-05 period. The bill was introduced by Mr. Visclosky on March 20, 2000 and reported from the Judiciary Committee by voice vote on July 20, 2000.

H.R. 4710 authorizes \$5 million for FY 2001 to the Criminal Division, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, of the Department of Justice to prosecute obscenity cases. This includes those arising under chapter 71 of title 18, United States Code, which defines obscenity to include such offenses as mailing obscene or crime-inciting matter, importation or transportation of obscene matters, broadcasting obscene language, transportation of obscene matters for sale or distribution, and transfer of obscene material to minors. H.R. 4710 was introduced by Mr. Largent on June 21, 2000 and was not considered by a committee.

Correction to H.R. 4942 Amendment:

Mr. Souder may offer an amendment to prohibit the use of any funds contained in the bill to finance needle-exchange programs in the District of Columbia and is consistent with the language passed in last year's District of Columbia Appropriations Act. (10 minutes)

